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SUBJECT: VIDELA SPEAKS ON US-ARGENTINE RELATIONS

1. IN REPLY TO A RECENT WRITTEN PRESS  
QUESTIONNAIRE, PRESIDENT VIDELA HAD THIS  
TO SAY ABOUT ARGENTINE-US RELATIONS IN  
REPOSE TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

2. QUOTE. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, HOW  
DO YOU VIEW THE EVOLUTION OF OUR RELATIONS  
WITH THE UNITED STATES? ARE THERE ANY  
INDICATIONS OF A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BY  
THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OF THE ANTI-  
SUBERSIVE ACTIONS WHICH THE ARGENTINE  
GOVERNMENT IS COMPELLED TO CARRY OUT?

3. QUOTE. ANSWER: OUR RELATIONS WITH THE  
UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED AT THE NORMAL AND  
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CORRECT LEVEL WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THEM. DIFFERENCES  
OF VARIOUS TYPES WHICH CALL FOR APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS  
OCCUR REGULARLY BETWEEN COUNTRIES WHICH MAINTAINS MANY  
IMPORTANT TIES.

SO WE MUST NOT EXAGGERATE THE EXTENT AND CON-  
SEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE SITUATIONS WHICH ARISE, BUT WE  
MUST HONESTLY TRY TO UNDERSTAND OUR NATIONAL REALITIES

AND SUPPORT A FRANK AND THROUGH DIALOG WHICH WILL ALLOW  
USTO OCERCOME THOSE SITUATIONS.

THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT IS NOT MERELY FOLLOWING  
THIS PATH, IT IS ALOS REPORTING TO THE PEOPLE ON THE  
UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE HISTORICAL PERIOD WE ARE GOING  
THROUGH.

UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, CONSIDERING THE DIFFICULT  
TIMES WE ARE EXPERIENCING, THE DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
IS--AS ARGENTINA HAS TRADITIONALLY MAINTAINED--A VERY  
IMPORTANT AND PERMENENT PRINCIPLE.

A THROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THIS REALITY IS EXPECTED  
TO LEAD TO INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING, MAINLY FROM THOSE  
COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE MAINTAIN TRADITIONAL TIES OF  
FRIENDSHIP.UNQUOTE.  
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